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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2000. It is filed in conjunction with a petition for a three month extension of time with required fees, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or other relief, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-67933-1/RFT/RMS/BTC/DLR).

Please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 9, please insert the following paragraph:

a₁ [This application claims priority to provisional application U.S. Serial No. 60/125,536 filed March 22, 1999, which is expressly incorporated by reference herein.]

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a₂ [In an additional aspect, the methods of the invention utilize robotic systems comprising a computer workstation comprising a microprocessor programmed to manipulate a device selected from the group